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Tagging Hits Foggy Bottom

By Kirsten Olsen

The recent rash of graffiti in Foggy Bottom and elsewhere in the city is due to an explosion of an activity by teenagers and young adults called "tagging," say District police.

Captain Ross Swope says tagging consists of painting on any prominent object a series of letters or symbols denoting the tagger's identity and their membership in a gang or social group.

At least ten people have been arrested recently for allegedly "tagging" property in D.C. with graffiti. District Detective Nicholas Breul says of the ten arrested so far five are from Montgomery County, one is from Charles County, Maryland, three are students at the Corcoran School of Art, and one is a George Washington University student. He says the majority of suspects are white, one of the suspects is female, and the rest are all male. Most of the suspects are between the ages of 15 and 24.

Breul says in the cases the U.S. Attorney's office pursues, suspects will either be charged with a misdemeanor or felony charge, depending on the amount of money needed to restore the defaced property.

Those convicted may be imprisoned, fined and/or ordered to pay restitution.

Breul says despite the arrests, he estimates there may be as many as 300 young people engaging in the activity in the Washington area. Breul says it appears a particularly active group is from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School.

He says most of the graffiti appears to be done between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m. on weekends. Breul says most of the "taggers" appear to have cars and roam the entire Washington area — though the District has been hardest hit because of its accessibility and tall buildings. Breul says it doesn't appear many of the "taggers" are prone to violence.

"It's sort of an ego thing, like — 'see what I've done?'" says Breul. He also says many of those "tagging" often also draw their individual symbol on their personal belongings like school books and skateboards.

Unfortunately, Breul says what he's learned is that "taggers" will travel far and wide to engage in their activity, and he says they find blank walls and prominent objects irresistible. He says it appears they sweep

through the same area several times, and he says it seems each "tagger" tries to outdo the previous one by making their tags bigger and bolder.

The good news for property owners is that they can pursue a case against the person who graffitied their property, if that person is arrested. If you are interested in doing so, you may contact the police for information.

Breul says he doesn't know why there has been an explosion in the last two months in the number of people engaging in this activity. But he says police need your help in catching suspected "taggers." Breul says if you see someone graffiting an object, try quickly to take note of the person's age, physical characteristics, outfit, transportation (for example, bike or tag number on a car), direction of travel and graffiti symbol, before calling police. The non-emergency number for reporting such crimes is (202) 727-1010. District police are also working with Montgomery County police to identify offenders.

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Bylaws Amendment Not Approved

At the March FBA meeting, an amendment was proposed to change the name of the Foggy Bottom Association to include the West End in its name. After full discussion, a vote was taken and the amendment did not receive enough votes to pass. So, for the time being, we will remain the Foggy Bottom Association.

Foggy Bottom Mothers ...
and Children
GWU Makes Sweet Sixteen
GSA Power Plant
Opposition Continues

FBA Makes Two Filings On IMF Project

The Foggy Bottom Association has filed an action in the D.C. Court of Appeals against the D.C. Zoning Commission decisions in the IMF Planned Unit Development case. The brief contains the following statement of issues presented, summarizing the bases for the appeal:

1. Whether the Zoning Commission erred when it approved of a map change and a Planned Unit Development Project which provided for twice the density of residential uses that is designated for the site in the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.
2. Whether the Zoning Commission gave "great weight"

to the views of the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

3. Whether the Zoning Commission made findings of fact on all material issues and, if so, whether those findings are supported by substantial evidence in the record and rationally lead to the conclusions reached by the Zoning Commission.

Several of the points made reference to the community's assertion that the developer has not provided sufficient "amenities" required, in view of the substantial increase in building density approved for the building. Also brought out is the community's belief that the IMF proposes

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

Featured Speaker:

Hon. Jack Evans
Council Member
Ward 2

Monday, April 26, 1993
St. Paul's Parish House
2430 K Street, N.W.
7:30 p.m.

(Next Meeting: Monday, May 24)



Kukulski Responds to DeVito Open Letter

Ms. Elayne DeVito's unfortunate *ad hominem* attack on Dorn McGrath and Joseph Passonneau in her "Open Letter. . ." last month does the citizens of Foggy Bottom, the West End, and Georgetown a disservice. Important matters affecting us all are involved in the plans for the Whitehurst Freeway ramps at Rock Creek Parkway and K Street, but clearly Ms. DeVito was misinformed about what they are. Valuable time has been wasted by injecting her confused apology to the D.C. Department of Public Works into what should be a substantive public discussion.

As a former chair of ANC 2E and member of the original (1983) Task Force that tried to work with the D.C. DPW on the Whitehurst Freeway study of alternatives, I am very familiar with the controversy, its technical complexities, its fallacies, and its opportunists. All of us have had to pay heavily in federal funds for what amounts to the "do nothing" alternative, which rehabilitating the Whitehurst was, after it had been allowed to fall into deep disrepair by our local government. As citizens, we were divided and misled by an unresponsive bureaucracy, mainly because of our own ignorance, misinformation and lack of leadership.

Ms. DeVito's letter can serve at least as a "wake-up" call to thoughtful citizens of our community. Do we wish for more

than serving as a doormat for suburban commuters whose needs have dictated the D.C.'s traffic engineering approach to the Whitehurst? With the city's dreary plan, we get no more than another two decades, at least, of what we have had — traffic as usual with the neighborhoods' pleas for relief ignored.

Mr. Passonneau and the Committee of 100 have developed and offered for public debate a concept, not merely an intersection design. The concept provides for handling automobile traffic better than the streets do now, for reducing commuter flows through Foggy Bottom and Georgetown, for eliminating *all* of the overhead ramps in Rock Creek Park, for enhancing pedestrian access to the Georgetown waterfront, and for returning to neighborhood use about six acres of parkland taken away by a misguided highway project that sought to pave much of Rock Creek Park in 1968.

The Committee of 100/Passonneau concept involves much more than traffic engineering. It addresses long-term needs and goals of the city and several neighborhoods. There is no mystery in the so-called Plan A, Plan B, etc., with which Ms. DeVito seems so concerned — all are simply technical variations on the same basic design theme. Exploring such variations is part of the collaborative process that the Committee has tried to pursue in good faith with the D.C. DPW at the urging of the National Capital Planning Commission. It is part of problem-solving in architecture, engineering, and planning.

Ms. DeVito refers to matters discussed at a meeting at the National Capital Planning Commission on February 25. The record shows that she wasn't there. I was. Her comments about that meeting are no more

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than hearsay. She appears to have accepted the views of someone with a prejudiced point of view.

It is important to all of us to think beyond the petty politics and distractions that have confused the discussion of the Whitehurst ramps at Rock Creek Park. The Committee of 100 and Mr. Passonneau are prepared to meet with any citizens who wish to discuss actual facts and take advantage of a rare opportunity to improve our city.

Raymond Kukulski

"Ole Timers" Appreciated Love Story

I want to express heartfelt thanks to Betty Olsen and Ellie Becker about "Love Story" — to Betty for selecting us "ole timers" for her sensitive, caring inspiration for this type of story; — to Ellie for accepting this story and the generous space allowed in the April issue.

Our hope from this article is that couples who plan to marry will recognize the seriousness and pleasures of this unselfish commitment and longevity possibilities involved in the marriage vows. It is truly a career that requires physical and mental responsibilities, daily balance of giving and receiving, but is not one that you can simply hand in a resignation, then submit resumes and have interviews hoping to find the perfect job! This Love Story copy will have a special place in our wedding album to pass on to our daughter, Jamie.

Lucille Molinelli
(Jimmy too)

Dr. Fairbanks Stays in Touch

Thanks for the *Foggy Bottom News* copies. The photo is wonderful.

We missed the gathering you had because of an unexpected call to go out of town, but it looks like you had quite an event.

We will stay in touch.

David Fairbanks

(Note: Dr. David Fairbanks is one of the sons of Avard Fairbanks who was sculptor of the George Washington bronze bust dedicated recently. Dr. Fairbanks practices medicine at No. 3 Washington Circle.)

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St. Mary's Episcopal Church Garden Committee proudly presents its first annual flower sale in front of the Church, 728 23rd St., NW, and in the church garden from 10 a.m. to



2 p.m. on Saturday, May 15 and after Church services (12:15 p.m.) in St. Mary's Parish Hall on Sunday, May 16th. The garden committee will be selling bedding and specimen plants, potted and in market packs.

There will also be hanging baskets.

The sale will feature geraniums, petunias, zinnias, fuschia and more for your terrace, window boxes, porches, front garden and backyard. All proceeds will be used to improve St. Mary's garden. So, stop by on May 15th or place your order today! For further information, call Winifred Fothergill-Quinlan at (202)333-0204 or the church at (202)333-3985. REMEMBER: We know you need a spring flower or two to brighten your lives. We are trying to make it easier to do that, so this year, buy your flowers from us.

**St. Stephen's To
Have Open House**

St. Stephen Martyr Church is holding an open house in its new Parish Center on Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2. All neighbors and friends are invited to stop by and tour the newly finished facility. The hours are Saturday from 3:00-7:00 p.m., and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

New Workshop for Parents Offered . . .**How to Take Your Child to a Museum**

Do you dread the thought of taking your six-year-old to a science museum or, worse yet, your twelve-year old to an art museum or historic house? If the answer is yes, consider signing up for the workshop *How to Take Your Child to a Museum*.

Professional educators from three top D.C. museums and the Museum Education Roundtable, a worldwide network among educators and museum professionals, will offer strategies for parents on how to have a successful museum experience with children. Then, adults will try out the techniques by leading their children in an interactive museum activity.

Visiting a science museum, an art museum, and a historic house will be explored in three separate sessions:

May 1, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon: program at the National Museum of Natural History, given by Margery Gordon, NMNH education department. Gallery experience to take place in the exhibition *Life Under the Ancient Seas*.

May 8, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon: program at the Decatur House, given by A.T. Stephens, Fairfax County Park Authority, Mildred Waterfall, McLean High School, and Robin Fogg-Schulte, Decatur House. Interactive activity to take place in historic house.

May 15, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm: program at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery of Art, given by Sarah Ridley and Jennifer Kozel, Sackler education department. Gallery experience to take place in the exhibition *Joined Colors: Decoration and Meaning in Chinese Porcelain*.

Parents may sign up for one, two or three sessions. The museum activities are designed for children six to twelve years old. A resource packet on taking children to museum will be distributed. Pre-registration is required.

Cost for single session:

\$20.00 per adult
\$10.00 MER member
\$5.00 per child

Cost for all three sessions:

\$50.00 per adult
\$30.00 MER member
\$10.00 per child

To sign up for the session, send a check by April 27 to MER, P.O. Box 23664, Washington, D.C. 20026-3664. A confirmation with more details will be sent. For further information call Denise McHugh at 703-550-9220.

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The center is next to the church at 25th & Pennsylvania Avenue, and was built on the site of the old rectory building. Reverend Thomas Sheehan is the pastor, assisted by Rev. Val Kaveny and Rev. Raymond Kemp who is in residence at the parish. Potomac Plaza's John Bobbitt is one of the church's deacons.

**Hearings on
Ward and
Comprehensive Plans**

Two days of hearings will be held in May on the city's Comprehensive Plan, as well as on its component Ward Plans. These plans are set out as the overall guidelines for zoning, use (e.g., residential, commercial, etc.) and other matters crucial to city residents.

The hearings will be on Tuesday, May 18, and Friday, May 21. Tuesday's sessions are at 11:30, 2:00 and 6:00, with city officials testifying at the first session. On Friday the sessions will be held at 10:00 and 2:00. Representatives of Foggy Bottom and West End plan to appear, and urge that residents attend to support them. The hearings will be in the Council Chambers at City Hall, Room 500. Attend as many sessions as you can.

Good Old Days-1958

Entertainer Elvis Presley is drafted into the U.S. Army. Thousands of fans weep as his hair is cut, but Presley responds, "Hair today, gone tomorrow." President Eisenhower signs the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, and America steps into the space age with the launch of its first earth satellite.

Also in 1958:

— The cost of mailing a first-class letter rises from three cents to four cents. The three-cent rate had been in effect since 1932;

— It's a peak year for drive-in movies, with 4,063 outdoor screens nationwide;

— A year's tuition at Harvard costs \$1,250, triple what it cost in 1948;

— Blue jeans cost \$3.75; a new Oldsmobile costs \$2,933;

— Fads: Hula hoops, false eyelashes, folk medicine, sack dresses, Zorro, colored stockings, fitness gyms;

— The 1959 cars from Detroit are longer, lower, have big fins, and have lotsa' chrome and lotsa' glass;

— Firsts: Stereo LP records, cadets at the Air Force Academy, Sweet 'n Low, American Express, Grammy Awards, Green Giant canned beans, mail transported by commercial jet.

**Chief Thomas
To Visit
Second District**

The chief of the Metropolitan Police, Fred Thomas, will be the guest speaker at the May meeting of the Citizens Advisory Council of the Police Department's Second District. The date is Wednesday, May 5, 8:00 p.m., at the Second District headquarters, 3320 Idaho Avenue, N.W. (one block west of Wisconsin Avenue at Newark Street). The Advisory Council meets regularly so that police and citizens in the entire Second District can exchange ideas and information about all safety and crime matters. Sandra Vonettes, FBA Board member, has volunteered to coordinate rides to the meeting if needed. Call her days at 333-0692.

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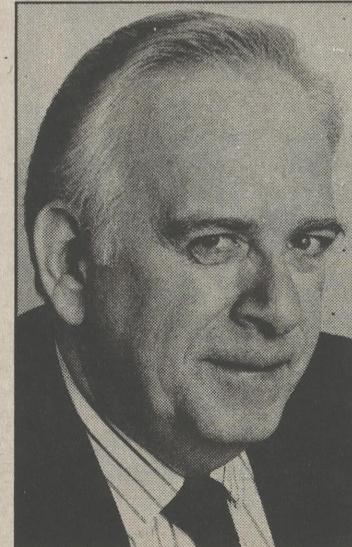
The National Women's Health Resource Center at Columbia Hospital for Women is sponsoring two lectures of interest. The first is on Women and Stress, Friday April 30, 1993, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The seminar will address the common stresses experienced by women and the effect of stress on physical and emotional health. Issues to be discussed include ways to balance personal and professional lives and effective coping mechanisms.

The second seminar is on Self-Defense for Women, Friday, May 7, 1993, 7:00-9:00 p.m. The lecture will discuss why women are often viewed as easy targets for violent acts and will review methods of diffusing a potentially violent situation. Self-defense techniques will also be discussed.

Both are in the Teresa Adkins Conference Room of the hospital located at 2425 L Street, N.W. Fee: \$7.50/person; \$12.00/couple. Advance registration is required. For more information and to register call (202) 293-3239.

IMF (continued from page 1) taking away a mini-park which was a provision of the 1980 zoning order.

In a related development, the FBA has written to Council Chairman John Wilson in opposition to a bill before the City Council to "close" the alley within the property on which the IMF wants to build its new facility. FBA President Lamb cited the above court case and asked that the Council take no action on this matter. Alley closings, which grant a developer the land occupied by the alley and adds it to their development rights, must be approved by the City Council.



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About 80% Black

By Robinson Jones

"The houses in front of Georgetown University were all Black owned and occupied. Foggy Bottom was then about 80% Black. When I was a small boy, during World War II," Claude Shamberger says, "we lived in the 900 block of 25th Street, South of K, NW," a property his family still owns and is now restoring. "I remember Snow's Court had no electricity and had toilets outdoors in the back yards.

"At one time, my mother worked for Emily Cooper and her sister in the little yellow houses at 2519/21 K Street, N.W. Sometimes she would take me and my cousins with her and we would play in the basement of the East building. There is a storm cellar in that basement that can only be entered from the outside.

"One of the walls in that cellar is mounted with iron rings where Negroes were shackled and held in chains before being taken to be sold as chattel in the slave market in Old Georgetown. The slave market building still exists on M Street today where it is currently used for retail produce and food stalls.

"After World War II, a few far-sighted owners in Snow's Court were able to afford installation of inside plumbing and electricity. A Mr. Richards would buy a unit, move in, spend some time and some money to fix it up, then to sell it, move out, buy another unit, move in and repeat the process. Although this meant voluntary displacement for many of my neighbors and friends, said

Mr. Shamberger, Richard and a few others in Foggy Bottom did quite well for themselves. "In those 'Fair Deal' Truman and Eisenhower years, the owners were faced with 'condemnation' by the city, or with the alternative of selling house and lot for as little as \$1,500 to \$2,500.

"Those amounts were just barely sufficient for down payments on some of the houses north of Pennsylvania Avenue, some in Southeast; most residents were able to buy and move to houses in Northeast," recalls Shamberger.

"At one time, my mother worked for Emily Cooper and her sister in the little yellow houses at 2519/21 K Street, N.W."

"By the mid-fifties, most of the Black families in Foggy Bottom and many in old Georgetown had moved out. Ms. "Sugar" Hansberry is a long-time holdout and still lives in her house on 26th Street facing the park between Eye and K. That's the tan-colored house south of Queen Anne's Lane just a few doors from the unique pair of custom-made wrought-iron "Palley Gates."

Mr. Shamberger attended Briggs-Montgomery for his elementary schooling; then for grades seven, eight and nine, he was a student and budding athlete at Francis Junior High, 25th & N. He then went on to Cardozo High, but in 1954, with

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Photos by Betty Olsen

the mandate for integration, he and a few others had to transfer from Cardozo to Western High, subsequently re-named The Duke Ellington School of Music and Art.

Foggy Bottom residents recall other wrenching changes in their neighborhood. The K Street entrance and exit to the interstate Whitehurst Freeway,

"Next, the gargantuan Watergate complex replaced an equally undesirable gas works, and, some say, a more desirable brewery."

west of Washington Circle, in 1949 chopped destructively through well-groomed front yards all along both sides of K Street between 25th and 26th, and left pedestrians trying to cross K Street (now U.S. Route 29) stranded in the middle of interstate vehicular traffic closing on them from both east and west at rates approaching 100 miles per hour . . . unnerving for adults, and downright dangerous and life-threatening for young children!

Next, the gargantuan Watergate complex replaced an equally undesirable gas works, and, some say, a more desirable brewery. GW bought the District insane asylum on the southeast

corner of 24th and K, replacing it with their Cancer Hospital. Then the Columbia Plaza apartment and office complex replaced residential units called Neighborhood Village and another building referred to locally as the "castle."

Chinese owned the store at the Southeast corner of 26th and K. The building lasted into the 1980s when the ground floor became a sculptor's studio open to community residents for instruction, practice, exhibit and sale of student's efforts. Eventually, it was bulldozed and replaced by the oh so upscale Griffin co-op.

The Westbridge residential/office complex is on ground originally occupied by a home-delivering dairy, a business that no longer exists in Foggy Bottom, or elsewhere in the United States.

At 23rd and L, the West End Movie Multi-Plex was converted from the Union Wesley Church, which moved near to the District Line in northeast. Liberty Baptist sold its building

"Saint Paul's Episcopal (Anglo-Catholic) is on ground originally occupied by a commercial riding stable...its fate, at press time, unknown."

on 23rd Street, next to the Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro Station, to George Washington University for its present parking lot, and relocated on Kentucky Avenue, SE. Saint Paul's Episcopal (Anglo-Catholic) is on ground originally occupied by a commercial riding stable ... its fate, at press time, unknown.

The local telephone directory lists more than eight (8) pages (approximately 80 per page) of places of worship in the Washington area. The history of the several churches and the Georgetown Synagogue located west of Rock Creek is the subject of a future article.

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Foggy Bottom/West End Crime Report

C.A. Mitchell

Crime was down in March in most categories. The criminal activity reported in the Foggy Bottom/West End residential areas for March, 1993, includes:

Rape

3/31 2430 Penn Ave

Assault with a Deadly Weapon

3/12 22nd & M Street 10:50p
3/22 2650 Virginia Ave 12:30a
3/27 2201 M Street 2:50a

Burglaries/Thefts in Homes

3/4 1101 New Hamp Ave
3/12 2309 Virginia Av
3/22 826 25th Street
3/25 2301 E Street
3/30 1011 24th Street

Stolen Auto

3/4 500 23rd Street 1991
Honda

Larceny from Auto

March: 17 thefts

Simple Assault

3/2 24th & N Street 3:30p
3/12 22nd & M Street 11:40p
3/23 23rd & Penn Ave 5:30p
3/31 621 22nd Street 2:30a

Destruction of Property

3/3 2600 L Street
3/14 900 24th Street
3/30 2639 I Street

Spring is a good time to review the security measures around your home. According to a fact sheet from Captain Swope of the 2nd District, the following precautions should be taken:

Locks

Be sure the locks on your most-used outside doors are of

the cylinder type: either a deadbolt or a jimmy-proof type.

Make sure none of your door locks can be opened by breaking out glass or a panel of light wood.

On most doors that do not have cylinder locks, use heavy bolts or some similar secure device that can only be operated from the inside.

Make sure your basement doors have locks that allow you to isolate that part of the house.

Keep all of your locks in good repair.

Know everyone who has a key to your house. (Are some keys still in the possession of previous owners?)

Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. Assist by reporting non-emergency, suspicious activity to the Metropolitan Police Department at 727-4326. Call 911 for emergencies.

By Jon Nowick

Fight For Cleaner Power Plant Emissions Continues

By Jon Nowick

other groups, in hearings last year, urged GSA to burn cleaner fuels and use more modern technologies. GSA wanted merely to build a smokestack.

Some challenges lie ahead, however. GSA still may opt for burning coal and other relatively "dirty" fuels when its Environmental Impact Statement is released, probably this spring.

The FBA and other groups and individuals will have an opportunity to testify at public hearings once it is issued. Even in the interim, GSA is reportedly resisting committing itself formally to foresaking burning coal.

Moreover, as many neighbors have heard during the day and night, the plant occasionally "blows its stack" — releasing a gusher of steam for several minutes or more with a loud noise.

The plant — the greatest source of air pollution in our neighborhood apart from traffic — became a center of controversy last year, when the *Washington Post* revealed that it had been emitting high levels of sulfur dioxide from decades of routinely burning coal and low grade oil. (Sulfur dioxide forms sulfuric acid, a health hazard to children, asthmatics, and the elderly.) The FBA, ANC, and

GSA is only slowly coming to terms with the plant's unsavory past, but thanks to the activities of neighborhood and other groups, it may finally be feeling the heat.

floors to be used by the Association for administrative offices and professional staff, its fellowship program, and a library. The Zoning Commission will rule on what tenants may occupy that portion of the building not needed by the Association.

It is planned, the Zoning Commission willing, to have a dining room on the first floor, to be used only on special occasions by the Association and its members. There will also be a snack bar for the staff and for members of the Association and their guests. Unfortunately for residents of Foggy Bottom, the snack bar will not be open to the public.

AAUW's move to Foggy Bottom will bring to the area an organization with over 75 years of practical work in education, from the support of higher standards to a more effective and intelligent participation of college-educated women in the processes of democracy.

AAUW has over 155,500 members, with 1398 local branches in 49 state divisions, the District of Columbia, Hawaii and Guam. Founded in 1882, the Association is a member of the International Federation of University Women and is affiliated with 47 other national organizations of university women for the purpose of working for international understanding and peace.

Each year 40 fellowships for women are awarded by the AAUW and 35 women are brought to the United States from more than 20 foreign countries for professional study. The Association has an endowment

1922 when the organization had a membership of about 16,000. The I Street building is more than 67 years old and at one time was the home of Benjamin F. Tracy, Secretary of the Navy in the Benjamin Harrison administration.

The AAUW building is well planned and will add much to the Foggy Bottom when it becomes a reality.

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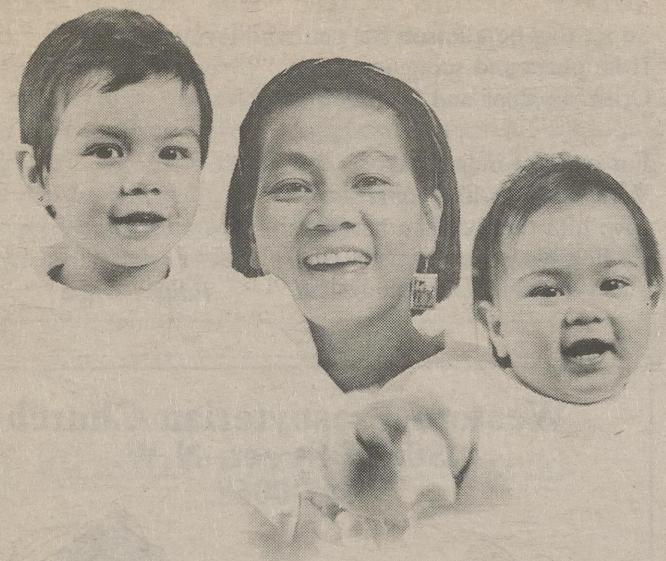
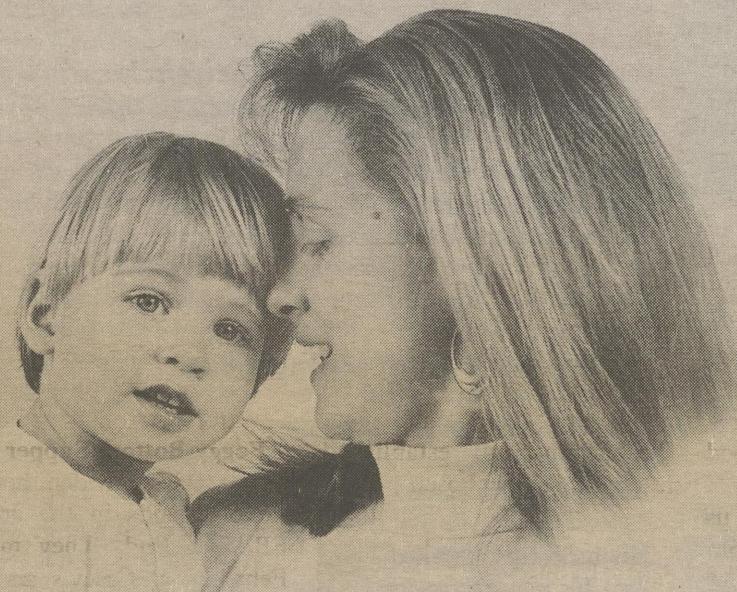
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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



The Becker Beat

Do any of you recall such a beautiful Easter? At long last the sun came out, the temperature was springlike, and there was a profusion of flowers to delight the eye. While missing the Festival, the cherry blossoms reigned supreme.

In the recent weeks I have attempted to count the daffodils blooming in the GW campus. I finally lost count at a thousand-something. Hats off to the flower planner who sculpted banks, rows, curves and corners abloom with the bright yellows and creams. Did he hit a big sale on bulbs last fall?

And GWU's Puff Puffenberger had his share of the joyful



yellow blooms in his yard as well. The sight began my days most enjoyably. Potomac Plaza had a dazzling display as well.

There is a mystery about the house just next door to Puff's. It is a bachelor establishment, home to some young working men who finished college last year. The mystery is the ownership of a large, white stuffed bear residing in the back yard of this adult male establishment. Such a shame — it's been there for weeks, in the snow and rain. Such cruelty to the stuffed animal world!

It may have been said before, but it bears repeating: thank you, Plaza, for the care you take of the two strips of city land near your building. The Plaza, at 800 25th Street, landscaped the area along the two walks, keeps them watered, has the grass cut, and

generally enhances our enjoyment of the area. A more recent favor was the removal of some large bushes along the walk. They were indeed healthy, but to many presented a possibly dangerous hiding place. The Plaza again listened and made the walk safer and more pleasant — smaller bushes and plantings replaced them.

And more on landscaping: the very first tulips spied were those at 2405 Eye Street. They peeped out and came into bloom at least a week before any others in the area.

The Park Service has given George Washington Circle a new, green look, by laying down a ton of bright, healthy sod where downtrodden muddy paths have reigned. Jaywalking pedestrians, traveling from the Metro to the New West End businesses, have worn away a wide stretch, and unfortunately probably will again. The Park Service advises it does not have the funds to reconfigure the walks in the park, and are "counting on citizens not to walk on nice grass." They are, alas, dreamers, as nothing short of barbed wire will keep it safe. It's sad — all it saves is about 10 seconds of time!

Speaking of the Park Service, its tulip beds are without par. No one who saw the display at Juarez Circle could forget the sight of the beds of massed yellow blooms. One has to admit, even on April 15, that they are one of the better uses of our tax money.

It's a pleasure to welcome as an advertiser this month my favorite garden shop. Morning Glory Farm is a short trip out Lee Highway, not too far from Key Bridge. It's the shop closest to FB and the especially nice people there make it a more enjoyable experience than other shops I've visited. A special treat are the eatables available too — fresh fruit and vegetables and some yummy baked goods. Tell them Ellie sent you!

SIGHTED:

The White Cat

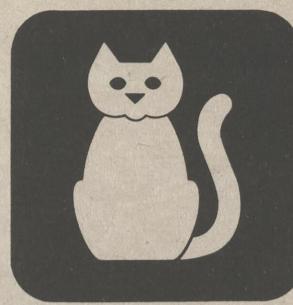
C.A. Mitchell

Friends of the White Cat will be pleased to learn that two neighbors reported seeing him the week of March 22. Charles Beyer called to say that he saw a cat answering this description curled up next to a wall behind his property. Tom Curtis reported that Frances Chaspang saw the White Cat walking across a street.

Mr. Curtis and Ms. Chaspang regularly feed alley cats in the neighborhood, and he was able to supply information about the White Cat's history. The cat is about ten years old, and he was born in an alley near 20th and O. He was lame as a kitten. A couple there fed him for years before he migrated, for reasons best known to himself, to Foggy Bottom. Mr. Curtis also told me that the White Cat's spots are grey, not black, and that Ms. Chaspang is one of the residents who feeds him every day.

I saw a white cat with black spots walking down the lane between I Street and Hughes Mews on April 3. From a distance, the cat did not appear to be limping, and his spots looked black, not grey.

So the mystery continues — was it the White Cat, or his twin? Has he returned to a lair in Hughes Mews, or moved to a warmer microclimate in the West End for the winter? Friends of the White Cat can report sightings to C.A. Mitchell at (202) 463-4363.



On Saturday, May 15...

West End Library Holds Book Sale

There will be a sale of books and records on Saturday, May 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. upstairs at the West End Library at 24th and L Streets, N.W. Sponsored by the West End Library Friends, the sale will include over 3,000 books. All proceeds from the sale will go to support the library. Money from last year's sale — almost \$1,000 — went for purchases of books and magazine subscriptions.

Book or record donations for the sale will be accepted through Saturday, May 8. Bring them to the library and leave them with one of the staff members.



May 8 Tango Demonstration at West End Library

On Saturday, May 8, 1993, at noon, there will be a full costumed demonstration of the tango dance by the Tango Group of D.C. at the West End Library located at 24th and L Streets, NW. For more information call the West End Library at 202-722-1397.

My Cat, "Stitch" (Through a five-year-old's eyes)

I cut my cat's whiskers,
And clipped his tail.
Little did I know that he was so frail.

I carried him around
In my arms so tight;
He never meowed and never took flight.

I fed him milk and bits of ham;
I grew weary of carrying him
And made him stand.

His little legs stiffened
And his paws turned in.
He fell on his side and I wept for him.

So let this be a lesson for you who love cats.
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Sidewalk Talk

By Betty Olsen

Well, do I have good taste or what? Guess you know by now that Clint Eastwood was chosen as Best Director for the best picture at the recent Academy Award presentation. "Unforgiven" was his film. No wonder I haven't seen him around; he's been busy raking in the gold, metaphorically and literally.

Reva Schrewsberry is planning her mother's 85th birthday with a family reunion in West Virginia. Over 50 of the family will attend the July event at the homestead in the southwestern part of the state. Schrewsberry lives at the Claridge House and works for . . . would you believe in Washington . . . a law firm.

Sooooo sweet of Edith Perusso to call saying what a fun time she had at the Membership Party at the West End Cafe and appreciated all so much. Do you read this, Henrietta? Henrietta Zoltrow was the chairman of all arrangements of this party and deserves all of her kudos of the event — annual event — everyone hopes, Henrietta.

Mike Stevenson loved his photo in the last FB News; he says I caught him at his best. I thought so too, Mike, and the camera never lies.

Noel Noel writes, and lives, her love of cats. You've heard the saying Man's Best Friend, well, Noel Noel is Cat's Best Friend. She really has the insight on them and with her own two Kordats, a breed from Thailand, she is their best friend. She works very closely with the shelters to do whatever whenever she can. Her newsletter is just one of the things that she does for the felines of the world. Everyone, four-legged or two-legged, should have a friend like her.



Chris and Mary Lamb just took a weekend visiting her folks in Pennsylvania. Guess Chris needed another holiday to get over their other holiday in Italy where he was robbed on the street by gypsies.

Everyone in the neighborhood is invited to the Organization of American States' concerts at their beautiful Hall of the Americas. The building is at 17th Street and Constitution Avenue. This past month there was a Canadian pianist, Naida Cole, a Peruvian guitarist, Alexander-Sergei Ramirez, and an Uruguayan mezzo-soprano, Carmen Tancredi. These are exceptional in an environment which lends itself to the best. Go early and enjoy the grounds of OAS before the concerts and then peek around inside before being seated for the program. It is just a short walk from where all of us live and work. Enjoy.

Joao Clement Baena Soares is the Secretary General of the OAS, Christopher R. Thomas is Assistant Secretary General, Juan Carlos Torchia-Estrada is director of the Department of Cultural Affairs in charge of the Executive Secretariat for Education, Science and Culture and Efrain Paesky is Chief of the Division of Arts.

Marifran Langvardt of the Barclay was clearing her answer-

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ing machine one day recently when one message definitely caught her ear — "Can you serve on the Health Care Task Force?" "I was so excited," she exclaimed. The Task Force will be meeting in the EOB, next to the VP's office. She promised to keep us updated — so update us, update us, Marifran!

Kirsten Olsen was invited to emcee the Alumni Award Dinner for outstanding alumni of George Washington University. The award dinner will be held this year at Union Station. Olsen is an alumni of George Washington and works at USA Today.

1990? Yes, Yes, the couple was the Molinellis. Second question — have they really lived in Foggy Bottom that whole time span? Yes, but they have lived in two places since their marriage, one in the building which is now Thurmond Hall on GW's campus, then in a town house on F Street, NW. She loved the love story, Lucille and Jimmy, just loved it . . . all of us did.

Saw Dee Prins one night on her way home from work and she was telling me that she and some friends of hers, Susie Sargisson and David Plumleigh, were having an

Virginia Cope and her dog, Casey, are moving out of the neighborhood and to Virginia to begin planning a wedding soon. Cope works as a copy editor for the Congressional Quarterly and has been living in the historic district for some time but when the love bug bites — well, you know the rest of the story — here comes the bride.

New to the Foggy Bottom area are Dr. and Mrs. Manfred Hollstein from, surprise, Germany. Dr. Hollstein holds his Ph.D. in Physics and is president of the Deutsche Aerospace.



Ask Robin Kuhr for her recipe for brunch of eggs and chicken in a sauce. Pretty to look at and good to eat. While you're at it, ask Marifran Langvardt her recipe for hot bread, a golden brown loaf filled with walnuts and cinnamon. That was a perfect compliment to the brunch dish of Robin's enjoyed t-h-o-r-o-u-g-h-l-y by me at Kuhr's redecorated digs at the Barclay.

Received a phone call from a woman whom I didn't know, Josephine Kiebler, who owns at the Swarthmore. She had questions for me about the last FB News. Her questions — was that really a picture of the couple who married in 1948 and and again at birthday party in

Easter party at Plumleigh's place in Columbia Plaza. On the menu was the traditional Easter ham and ta-da-ta-da-ta-da and even though 50 were invited you could not be admitted to the party without wearing an Easter hat. When I asked, "Even the men?" she replied, "Oh yes, even if it has to be a baseball cap you have to have a hat on."

Well, with the new short hair style Prins just had the day we talked she should look marvelous in one. She gave me a verbal preview of the straw she was going to wear; it was going to be completely bedecked in bows. Prins said that she used to model hats. They even awarded prizes for the best in this and that category.

All right, who is the wonderful person who has taken the ramp beside the Plaza as their Adopt-A-Spot? Stand up and be counted since I noticed how neat it has been looking of late. And to the side in a corner is a handy trash can with broom peeking out of it. Whoever you are — THANK YOU — and keep up the good work — it is appreciated and applauded.

The George Washington University Basketball Team went to Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament in Tucson, Arizona, winning their first two games against University of New Mexico and Southern but lost to University of Michigan in Seattle's King Dome.

GWU threw a party in the Marvin Center for all GWU basketball fans with lots of food and more than lots of spirit. Big television sets were around the ballroom for all to see this grand game with a grand team.

And the fans went wild, wild, wilder as GWU led Michigan for a short period but the latter pulled it out to advance to the final four. The University of North Carolina pulled ahead at the very end to be the NCAA Champs for the second time at the same place — New Orleans' Super Dome.

It's been said a few times but here it is one more time — Wait Until Next Year. Mike Jarvis is a coach extraordinaire.

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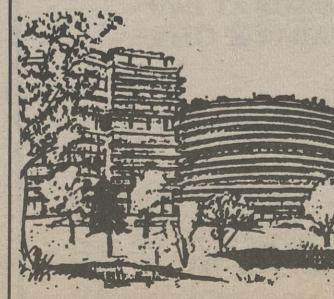
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Rennie Remembers

I met other members of the Shillelagh Travel Club around 7:30 A.M. at Grosvenor Metro Station, on a beautiful sunny day — a good start, we all agreed! After handing luggage to the bus driver, we began our much-anticipated journey up to New England, which we knew would be a long one by bus; however, I soon became engrossed in one of the two books I brought, as well as enjoying videos that our tour director, Gladys Myers, showed on the new bus's four screens (while we all imbibed juices and ate donut holes!) Our first "rest stop" was at the Maryland House, which I strolled around for exercise instead of entering. Back on the bus, resumed reading then had lunch with several of the ladies at a McDonald's a first for yours truly!

About 5:30 P.M. we arrived at the Hampton Inn in Hyannis, where we were to stay for the next four nights. An hour later, a "welcome" reception was held for us in the inn's lobby and our guide, Pat Hughes, was introduced to us. She proved to be articulate, warm and very knowledgeable about the Cape Cod area.

She was originally from Boston — her accent was indeed a give-away! She told us that our itinerary for the next day, Thursday, was to sail to the island of Nantucket after breakfast at the inn; a short walking tour (unescorted); lunch on our own; local bus ride through Sonset Village, Old Mill, Low Beach; and a stop at the Sankaty Head Light-house. Dinner, Our first evening, was at Mitchell's Restaurant nearby. Had delicious scrod, a popular fish in that region.



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The boat ride to Nantucket really woke us up, as it was breezy (sunny, but there was no humidity). I decided to stroll alone up Main Street, where most of the others went to browse in the antique shops, etc. Saw so many large, white clapboard (siding) houses with beautiful gardens — huge hydrangeas seemed to be in all of them. (I prefer this type of house, rather than the usual shingle Cape Cod House, that is common there. Too dreary-looking!) Walked back to Main Street, steep and full of cobblestones; and tricky to cross in higher heels, I'm certain. Noticed an old pharmacy (Congdon's), which had a "soda fountain." Intriguing, especially since I was a "Soda Jerker" in my teens (in Reading, Pa.). Ate a sandwich, hot tea and luscious ice cream cone there while chatting with a friendly waitress and a man on the next stool. He told me, when I inquired about the city, that his family had owned the newspaper company for the past 100 years.

Nearby was the shop that Pat had informed us about — they sold only the famous "Nantucket Lightship Baskets" — priced quite high. (I asked salesgal about the tiniest one and was told it was priced at \$95 plus 5% tax! No purchase by me, thank you.) Dropped in at the loom shop, where lovely mohair blankets, colorful sweaters, etc. were displayed (also quite expensive); sauntered into several enticing gift shops, where I bumped into my fellow-travellers buying souvenirs, which I eventually did, too. We boarded two small local busses, at a meeting point later, and were taken for the drive as planned. Dinner later in Hyannis was at Kerrigan's Tavern, but I can't recall what I ate!

Friday morn, Pat met us, after breakfast again, to take us to Provincetown at the tip of Cape Cod. But first we drove

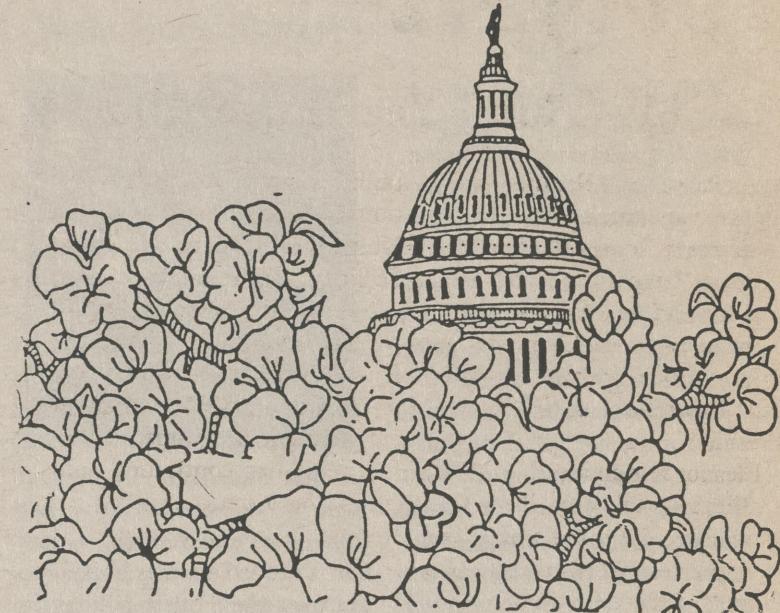
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around Hyannis, visited St. Francis Church (Kennedy family's church of worship), as well as the JFK Memorial and Hyannisport. We then drove on to Provincetown, where we explored the many quaint shops and art galleries on Commercial Street. Had lunch at the "Lobster Pot" with one of the travelers I had enjoyed being with before, Jan; but I do remember that meal — it was the most unappealing sandwich ever; i.e. a pasty-crabmeat salad on oatmeal bread with no lettuce. Had no time to complain and return it to kitchen, but I enjoyed a new kind of soup for me (Portuguese), that was tasty. The clam chowder at all of the restaurants was really delicious — New England, that is, not Manhattan!

Back in Hyannis, we were taken to the Tea Garden for dinner, unusual in that it has HAWAIIAN decor and entertainment. We were even greeted at the door with a kiss on each cheek and a lei placed around our necks — something I didn't receive when I landed in Honolulu (coming from the Far East in 1959). This gesture pleased me, and made up for the lack of such hospitality at the Honolulu airport. The three beautiful young dancers and three handsome male dancers were very talented and a joy to watch. The master of ceremonies reminded me of Don Ho (i.e., soothing singing voice and charming). The food was not memorable, but it was fun being entertained while dining out. A couple of other diners volunteered to go on stage to try to do the hula — very amusing when you're a novice. My group didn't dare to make fools of themselves!

Our last day, Saturday, was to have been "whale watching" in the morning. However, when we reached the dock at Barnstable, Pat was advised to come back with us around 2:30 P.M. when the wind might have subsided.

It was decided to go to Plymouth, our afternoon-planned visit, instead. There we saw the famous Plymouth Rock, of course (at last, I thought to myself — I had gone to Plymouth, England, many years ago, but never saw where the Pilgrims had landed in our own



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country). No one but I was interested in boarding the replica of the Mayflower. At a cost of \$5.75 (ouch!) I walked around the unappealing and apparently realistic ship; unfortunately, no one escorted me on a little tour of it, which I had expected. There were three costumed persons at strategic areas; but I soon learned that they were living in the 1620 period when I asked about the anchor wince near one of them: I detected a British accent, and enquired if she came from the British Isles, to which she replied: "We all did, Mum!" End of conversation. I read the various plaques surrounding the entrance near the box-office area, which gave me information about the voyage, from England. (I was very glad not to have been a passenger!) After lunch, we tried again for whale watching but it was still too breezy to be on a ship, darn. We drove to Sandwich, stopping at Dexter's Grist Mill, built in the 1640's; there was a lovely duck pond with flowers all around it.

Tasted the cold spring water that local residents were taking home by the jug. From the bus, we viewed the Great Salt Marsh, the Dunes at Sandy Neck and even a cranberry bog. At the Heritage Plantation Museum, we visited many buildings of interest. I went straight to the large antique-car museum,

where I saw the ones I'd personally like to own: Packard, Cord and Rolls Royce. Even rode the merry-go-round at the Art Museum, and visited the Military Museum nearby. Ocean Spray Company exhibit earlier (in Plymouth) was interesting also, as it showed films on cranberry bogs harvesting, etc. and their products were on sale. I bought cranberry marmalade; afterwards. We stopped to see a cranberry bog on foot. Harvest time is between September and October, we were informed; I can imagine it's a back-breaking job (like picking strawberries, ugh).

I just remembered that in Provincetown we had stopped at the tallest all-granite structure in the USA, which some of us climbed; it's called the Pilgrim Monument. (No, I enjoyed the view at ground level!) Our last dinner (at the Frontier Restaurant in Hyannis) was hard work — cracked our own lobster. (Didn't tackle the clams, only the lobster and corn on the cob, which were good.) Along with my souvenirs, on Sunday, the 13th, I brought back six mosquito bites. All in all, it was a very good trip, weatherwise and otherwise. Too bad I couldn't have brought back a suitcase of fresh air with me! AMEN

Rennie Melonson

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by Barbara F. Kahlow

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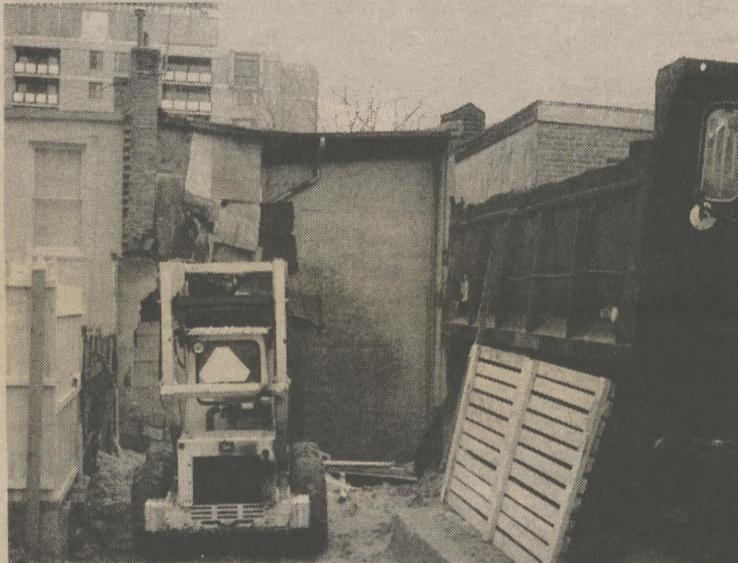
4/21 Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) on GW's establishing a recreation court on part of a parking lot at 2024 G St. and GW's converting an inn to faculty offices at 2134 G
4/27 City Council's Committee of the Whole on Business Improvement Districts Act of 1993 (BID)

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3/12 Mayor's Order establishing a Resident Council Advisory Board at each Department of Public and Assisted Housing residential property
3/19 City Council Resolution extending for 2 years the moratorium on liquor licenses in the Georgetown Historic District
3/19 Zoning Commission Chair Maybelle Bennett & Vice Chair Tersh Boasberg; BZA Chair Angel Clarens & Vice Chair Paula Jewell
3/19 Zoning Commission on filing of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) by the AGC for 1957 E St.

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Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, April 26: Foggy Bottom Association meeting. Speaker: Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans. St. Paul's Parish House, 2430 K Street, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 29: Music at Noon concert, "Ellington Alive!" on the Duke's birthday, featuring the Bill Wright Duo. Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W. 12:15-1:00 p.m.

Friday, April 30: Lecture on Women and Stress. Teresa Adkins Conference Room, Columbia Hospital for Women, 2425 L Street, N.W. \$7.50/person; \$12.00/couple. Advance registration, 293-3239. 7:00-9:00 p.m. See article in this issue.

Saturday, May 1: Stevens School "Xmas in May" project. To volunteer to spruce FB's neighborhood elementary school, call Jesse Thompkins at 202 291-4821. 8:00 a.m.

Saturday-Sunday, May 1-2: Open House, St. Stephen Martyr Church, New Parish Hall, 25th & Pennsylvania Avenues. See article in this issue. Saturday, 3-7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, May 1: National Musical Arts concert, featuring Charlie Byrd. Call 301-946-0355 for information. National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C Street, N.W. 8:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2: Concerts by leading area musicians including National Symphony members, GWU Department of Music and WETA FM in cooperation with Washington Musicians for Nuclear Disarmament. Joel Lazar conducts. Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st Street, N.W. \$5. Saturday at 8:00 p.m.; Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 2: Recital of "Parlour Music" in the church parlour by Soprano Jo Uncapher, accompanied by pianist Frank Conlon, United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5: Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting, Metropolitan Police Second District, with Police Chief Fred Thomas as guest speaker. 3320 Idaho Avenue, N.W. See article in this issue (rides may be available). 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 6: Music at Noon concert, featuring Ernest Tagogini, pianist, in Debussy's "Preludes," Book I. Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W. 12:15-1:00 p.m.

Friday, May 7: Seminar on Self-Defense for

Women. Theresa Adkins Conference Room, Columbia Hospital for Women, 2425 L Street, N.W. \$7.50/person; \$12.00/couple. Advance registration, 293-3239. 7:00-9:00 p.m. See article in this issue.

Friday, May 7: The Washington Ballet's Young Dancers, Lisner Auditorium. Call 362-3606 for information. 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 8: Tango Group of D.C. will present a full costumed demonstration of the tango. West End Library, 24th & L Streets, N.W. 12:00 noon.

Saturday, May 8: Concert, the Sousa National High School Honors Band with the U.S. Marine Band. Call 317-463-3121 for information. 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 13: Music at Noon concert, with Rosa Lamoreaux, soprano, and William Feasley, guitarist, with Schubert songs and music from Venezuela, Argentina and New Mexico. Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W. 12:15-1:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 13: Foggy Bottom/West End ANC meeting, GWU Visitors Center, 22nd and H Streets, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 15: First Annual Citywide Preservation Conference, The Charles Sumner School, 17th & M Streets, N.W. Sponsored by the D.C. Preservation League and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The theme is neighborhood preservation and the role community organizations play in carrying out this mission. Call 737-1519 for information. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 15: Book and Record Sale, West End Library, 24th & L Streets, N.W. See article in this issue. 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 18 and Friday, May 21: Hearings on Comprehensive and Ward plans. City Council chamber, Room 500, City Hall, See article in this issue. Tuesday, 11:30, 2:00 and 6:00, and Friday at 10:00 and 2:00.

Thursday, May 20: Music at Noon concert, with Ensemble La Guerre, featuring music from 18th century Italy and France. Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W. 12:15-1:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, May 15-16: Flower Sale, St. Mary's Church, 728 23rd Street, N.W. Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Sunday at 12:15. See article elsewhere in this issue.

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